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Honorable Harry M. Jackson,
Deputy Secretary of State
State House

Dear Colonel Jackson:

You have inquired as to the
liability of certain persons to pay a registration fee under
ss. 27 and 27-a, c. 9, R.L.

It is my opinion that any person
who is regularly employed by an organization, religious, frat-
ernal, or otherwise, but who receives no additional compensation
for his legislative appearances, is not required to pay the
statutory fee under s. 27-a, id., unless his regular compensa-
tion is in partial consideration of the services which he ren-
ders to such organization before the Legislature. Otherwise ex-
pressed, if one of the duties of a person regularly employed is
to make appearances or lobby before the Legislature as a consider-
ation for such regular employment, then obviously such person
must pay the statutory fee and comply with other requirements of
our statutes in such cases.

With regard to an individual or mem-
ber of a firm representing more than one client in the course
of his activities before the Legislature, it is my opinion that
such individual or member is required to pay but one fee under
s. 27-a, c. 9, R.L., as inserted by c. 95, Laws of 1951.

Very truly yours,

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